Data Licensing

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Why license research data?

Licensing concepts

Licensing options

Creative Commons
Open Data Commons
Open Government Licence
Non-Commercial Government Licence
Public Domain

Mechanisms for Licensing Data

Further Information
Why license research data?

Clarity
Types of licenses

- Contracts
- Pure licences
- Waivers
Licensing questions

1. Do you need to make a choice?
   - Institutional policy
   - Data archive policy

2. Would a standard licence suffice?

3. Do you need to write your own licence?

4. Do you need more than one licence?
Multiple licensing

Creative Commons

- **BY** Attribution
- **NC** Non-Commercial
- **SA** Share Alike
- **ND** No Derivatives
Creative Commons

- **BY** Attribution
  - Attribution stacking
- **NC** Non-Commercial
  - What counts as commercial?
- **SA** Share Alike
  - Reduces interoperability
- **ND** No Derivatives
  - Severely restricts use
Open Data Commons

- Attribution Licence (ODC-BY)
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- Open Database Licence (ODC-ODbL)
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- Explicitly distinguishes database structure from contents, and deriving visualisations from deriving new databases.
Open Government Licence

- Attribution
- Terminates on illegal/misleading usage of data
- Can only be used for public sector data
- Cannot be used for logos, insignia, personal data, otherwise encumbered data
- Does not distinguish database structure from contents
Non-Commercial Government Licence

- Attribution Non-Commercial 
- Derivative works must also have a non-commercial licence
- Otherwise the same as the Open Government Licence
Public Domain

- Creative Commons Zero (CC0)
- Open Data Commons Public Domain Dedication and Licence (ODC-PDDL)
- Open Data Commons Database Contents Licence (ODC-DbCL)
- Community norms?
Attaching the licence to the data

[This database is/These data are/\textit{name of dataset} is] made available under the Public Domain Dedication and License v1.0 whose full text can be found at:

http://www.opendatacommons.org/licenses/pddl/1.0/

http://www.example.com/data/set/1

http://purl.org/dc/terms/license

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http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data

http://www.web2rights.com/OERIPRSupport/

- Starter Pack
- Diagnostic Tools
Thank you for your attention

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